

FSU has no mercy on Mercer

The top-ranked Seminoles get 21 hits and defeat Mercer 18-3 for their eighth straight victory.

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The No. 1-ranked Florida State baseball team had 21 hits and nine stolen bases in running over Mercer 18-3 on Wednesday.

It was the eighth straight vic-

tory for the Seminoles (41-9), who play at Georgia Tech on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

FSU set the tone early by sending 11 batters to the plate in a seven-run second inning and jumping to an 8-0 lead.

Freshman pitcher Randy Choate made his first start for FSU. He allowed three runs on six hits in 3 1/3 innings. He struck out three.

Randy Niles (2-0) picked up the win in relief. Niles came in with an 8-3 lead in the fourth, but with the

bases loaded and one out.

He got Roger Scott to hit into an inning-ending double play. Mercer never recovered as the Seminoles' bullpen allowed only two singles over the last five innings.

FSU added five runs in the ninth. The big hit was a three-run homer by freshman Jeremy Salazar.

Mickey Lopez, Randy Hodges and Brooks Badeaux each had three hits for FSU.

FSU 18, Mercer 3

FSU (41-9)	ab r h bi	MERCER (15-32-2)	ab r h bi
Lopez 2b	6 2 3 1	Isenhower ss	5 0 2 0
Hodges rf	4 2 3 2	Scott 2b	5 0 0 0
Mkwicz 1b	2 1 1 1	Hnsn cf-p	3 0 1 0
Wodwrd 1b	1 1 1 0	Avry 1b	2 1 1 0
Drew cf	4 1 1 1	Cmpbl rf-p	3 1 0 0
Nedeau cf	2 1 1 1	Magistro lf	4 0 1 0
Martin c	2 0 1 1	Smith c	3 1 1 2
Salazar c	2 1 1 3	Morris 3b	3 0 1 1
Morris lf	4 2 2 1	Powell dh	2 0 1 0
Adeeb lf	2 1 1 1	Harris rf	1 0 0 0
Howell p	1 0 0 0	Prince cf-ll	1 0 0 0
Butler p	1 0 0 0		
Zech 3b	4 2 2 1		
Zbia 3b-ss	1 0 0 0		
Senior dh-rf	5 1 1 2		
Badeaux ss	5 3 3 2		
Faurol 3b	1 0 0 0		
Totals	47 18 21 17	Totals	32 3 8 3

Florida State	170	823	805—18
Mercer	820	100	806—3

E—Mientkiewicz, Scott 2. DP—FSU 3, Mercer 1. LOB—FSU 9, Mercer 8. 2B—Morris, Zech. HR—Salazar (2), Smith (2). SB—Badeaux, Hodges, Lopez 3, Martin 2. Mientkiewicz, Zech, Hanson. CS—Mientkiewicz 2. SF—Morris.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Florida State						
Choate	3 1/3	6	3	2	1	3
Niles W, 2-0	2 1/3	1	0	0	0	2
Howell	1	0	0	0	2	0
Butler	1	1	0	0	0	1
Dison	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mercer						
Barefield L, 5-10	1 1/3	8	7	7	1	2
Wettengel	3 1/3	6	3	3	2	2
Campbell	3 1/3	4	3	3	2	1
Hanson	1/3	2	4	3	1	0
Dudek	1/3	1	1	1	1	0

WP—Barefield, Campbell 2, Dudek, Hanson. HBP—Campbell by Choate, Smith by Choate. T—3:01. A—406.